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Dear Sir:

Thank you for the thorough examination of my application. I have explained the details of my invention more accurately with terminology more appropriate to the unique and novel factors. The reference patents are concerned with brushes that provide bristle action of mechanical dislodgement, massage, and removal. My invention focuses on the use of the bristles as a means to release and smooth a coating to a surface. Please review my changes in phraseology to determine if I have now clarified the Application to an acceptable conclusion. We need the protection of a US Patent to proceed.

Specifically, 1. My invention is directed for coating architectural surfaces (commonly called painting, though paint is only one such coating) so the "task surface" is more appropriately stated as an "architectural surface". 2. the utility is unique (fluid apply/smooth) to the references of brush bristles utilized for direction (Blair), stimulation (Salazar), grooming (Lay), or removal (Cho) effects. 3. A reasonable antecedent expression identifies "the embodiment" is commonly envisioned as a "paintbrush".

Practically, my daughter and I painted the exterior of a ranch house with our prototype paintbrushes in only one day's time without the fatigue that would usually come from applying the 13 gallons of finish paint. With great pride, the US Patent helps prove the impact on the ease with which folks will paint their homes for generations to come.

Sincerely, 

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